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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 24, 2004, applicant elects Group I (Claims 1-11 and 22-34), with traverse, and hereby requests a three month Extension of Time, fee attached. All elected claims are believed readable on the elected species.

The Applicant asserts that Group I and Group II (Claims 12-21) constitute a single species and genus. Class 493 (Manufacture of Container from Tube or Web) and subclass 189 (Include Heat Sealing) apply to both Groups of claims. Claims 1, 12 and 22 require the web to stop when forming the contoured longitudinal seal as explained on page 13, lines 11-27 of the specification, so there is no operational distinction between the seal and stop cycles. A single search should cover the claims for both Groups I and II. (MPEP 808).

Respectfully submitted,

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